Pharamaceutical industry being sabotaged by M N.Cs.

967. PROF. B. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the multi-national corporations have been trying to sabotage Indian innovations in the pharamaceutical industry;

(b) whether a company producing para amino-salicylic acid based on indigenous technology was subsequently closed down;

(c) whether it is a fact that foreign companies are allowed to produce leprosy drug diamino diphenyl sulphone, chloroquin and Metronidazole using imported raw materials;

(d) whether know-how for the drug is already available in the country; and

(e) if so, what are the reasons for not producing these drugs by using indigenous technology?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) and (b) No such report has been received.

(c) As per measure announced by the Government only Dapsone is open for licensing to FERA Companies.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) Indigenous technology is being used for the production of these drugs.

Production of bulk drugs

968. PROF. B. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of essential bulk drugs recommended as a model by W.H.O. in 1977;

(b) how many of these bulk drugs are produced in our country and how many are imported from abroad;

(c) what is the policy of Government in attaining self-sufficiency in indigenous production of all these bulk drugs recommended by W.H.O.; and

(d) what steps are being taken to produce all these bulk drugs in India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) and (b) W.H.O. has recommended 251 drugs as a model, out of these about 147 are being produced in the country.

(c) and (d) To give fillip to indigenous production and to achieve self-sufficiency in drug production Government has recently announced measures for Rationalisation, Quality Control and Growth of Drugs and Pharamacutical Industry in India with the objective of:—

1. ensuring abundant availability, at reasonable prices, of essential life saving 7 prophylactic medicines of good quality:

2. strengthening the system of quality control over drug production and promoting the rational use of drugs in the country;

3. creating an environment conducive to channelling new investment into the pharamaceutical industry, to encouraging cost-effective production with economic sizes to introducing new technologies and new drugs; and

4. strengthening the indigenous capabilities for production of drugs.

Steps to reduce power consumption

969. PROF. B. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) what are the findings of a recent study by Tata Energy Research Institute on the introduction of energy efficient lighting in the domestic and commercial sector;

(b) whether one of the recommendations is to replace all incandescent bulbs